

AGENDA: September 2, 2003

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager

TITLE: League of California Cities Annual
Conference Resolutions

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt recommended positions regarding League of California Cities Annual Conference resolutions.
2. Authorize the City's voting delegate to cast votes at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to reflect the positions as adopted by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the above-listed recommendation.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The attached resolutions (Attachment 2) will be considered during the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference being held September 7 through September 10, 2003 in Sacramento. Annual conference resolutions are part of the League's policy development process and, if approved, represent policy positions of the League. Staff recommendations regarding the two resolutions slated for discussion at this year's conference are listed in Attachment 1. In developing a recommendation for each resolution, staff considered prior positions and/or policies Council has approved on the subject.

Resolution 1 is a revision of the bylaws of the League of California Cities. The revisions would allow for greater flexibility regarding the format of specially convened meetings. They would also simplify the language of the bylaws. Staff recommends that Council vote to support Resolution 1.

Resolution 2 relates to proposed Federal legislation to expand wilderness and wild and scenic river designations. Specifically, it opposes SB 2535 (the "California Wild Heritage Act of 2002") and HB 4947, 4948 and 4949 due to concerns that they use a "one size fits all" approach. Staff recommends that Council vote to take a "no position" stance on Resolution 2.

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The League's process for annual conference resolutions includes review by League policy committees in July and at the League conference in September, review by the League General Resolutions Committee and, finally, consideration by voting delegates at the annual business session during the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

During this process, each resolution is the subject of discussion and may be amended as determined appropriate by League policy committees, the General Resolutions Committee or during the annual business session. Final approved resolutions could potentially be different than those acted upon by the City Council; however, amendments are usually not significant. In addition to the resolutions contained in the attached packet (Attachment 2), the League bylaws provide for the introduction of petition resolutions. Petition resolutions require the signature of 10 percent of all voting delegates (47) to be considered by the General Resolutions Committee. League policy committees do not evaluate petition resolutions. If petition resolutions are introduced at the conference and qualify for consideration, staff will, in conjunction with the City's voting delegate, review the resolution.

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Attachments: 1. Staff Recommendations Regarding Each of the Resolutions
2. Resolutions